

**PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS SECTION  
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS  
MINUTES  
MADISON, WISCONSIN  
TUESDAY AUGUST 29, 2000**

**PRESENT:** Tracy Benzel, Wayne Lindgren, and Jerry Tyler; Patrick McGuire (by telephone)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alfred Hall Jr. and Jan Neitzel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tracy Benzel called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. A quorum of 4 members was present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The following items were deleted from the agenda item 13: The Class 1 Hearing, , stipulations.  
There was one application for review

**MOTION:** Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Wayne Lindgren, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 27, 2000)**

**MOTION:** Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Wayne Lindgren, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Secretary Marlene Cummings**

Secretary Cummings was not available.

- Board Member Workshop

Alfred Hall noted that Wayne Lindgren attended the Board Member Workshop.

Wayne Lindgren will write an article for the Digest on the Board Member Workshop that was held July 13-14, 2000.

- Ethics Opinion

The Section discussed the July 13, 2000 memo from Bill Dusso, Legal Counsel, relating to Board members testifying as expert witnesses. The Section concluded that if a Board member would be asked to be an expert witness, Board Legal Counsel does need to be contacted.

**Alfred Hall, Bureau Director**

- Section Roster

The Section received a copy of the June 2000 roster. Noted.

- 2000 Meeting Dates/Proposed 2001 Meeting Dates

The Section received a copy of the meeting dates for 2000 and 2001.

**MOTION:** Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Pat McGuire, to approve the proposed 2001 meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

- Regulatory Digest Draft

Alfred Hall stated that there will be articles in the next Regulatory Digest on the proposed administrative rules, a copy of the soil science consumer brochure, examination review, and information on the board member workshop.

- Applications Reviewed

None.

- To-Pass Folder

The To-Pass Folder was circulated and duly noted.

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE**

### **Clearinghouse Rule 00-643 Relating to Educational and Experience Requirements Prior to Sitting for the Fundamentals Examination**

The Section will receive the final draft of the rule for adoption at the September 7, 2000, Joint Board meeting.

### **Definition of Supervision**

The Section discussed the definition of supervision and agreed that s. 470.04(4), Stats. do clarify the definition. Members will review the statute to determine if all of the requirements are listed.

## **SECTION ACTIVITY**

### **Soil Science Guides**

The Soil Science Brochure for the public will be included in the next Regulatory Digest. The Soil Science Brochure for the academics is in process.

## **EXAMINATION ISSUES**

Jerry Tyler took part in rewriting the soil science examination by the Council of Soil Science Examiners.

Jerry Tyler stated that there are study guides for the fundamentals examination and some study material for the practice exam on the Internet.

## **PRACTICE ISSUES**

None.

## **DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT**

Nothing to report.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying**

Alfred Hall reported that the A-E Joint Board will be voting on the use of electronic signatures September 1, 2000.

### **Chapter 137, Subchapter II-Electronic Signatures, Wis. Stats.**

The Section discussed the pros and cons of using electronic signatures and agreed that more information is needed before a decision can be made.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Section discussed representation at the Council of Soil Science Examiners meeting November 6-8, 2000, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**MOTION:** Wayne Lindgren moved, seconded by Jerry Tyler, that Jerry Tyler represent the Soil Science Section at the National meeting of the Council of Soil Science Examiners November 6-8, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Wayne Lindgren moved, seconded Jerry Tyler, to convene the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a), (b), and (f), Wis. Stats., to consider the licensing or discipline of a person licensed by the Department or the investigation of charges against such a person. Specifically, to discuss the issue of case status reports, a Class I hearing and application review. Motion carried by roll call vote: Wayne Lindgren-yes; Patrick McGuire-yes; and E. Jerry Tyler-yes; Tracy Benzel-yes.

Closed Session convened at 10:13 a.m.

The Board deliberated on an application and information for the Class I hearing.

Final voting on these issues was conducted in Open Session.

## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** By consensus, the Board reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 10:50 a.m.

## **VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION**

### **CLASS I HEARING**

#### **Brian Strzok (Holcombe, WI)**

The Section agreed to reschedule the hearing for Brian Strzok. The Section reviewed the information received relating to Mr. Strzok and agreed that documentation by the supervisor(s) of work for the dates of 2/92-4/94 is needed. The Section requested that the Department send a letter to Mr. Strzok requesting this information.

**MOTION:** Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Pat McGuire, to grant Tracy Benzel the authority to review any new information received and to approve Mr. Strzok for registration if the required information is received. Motion carried unanimously. Wayne Lindgren was not available to vote.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

#### **John R. Samuelson**

The Section reviewed the application for John R. Samuelson.

**MOTION:** Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Pat McGuire, to approve John R. Samuelson to take the fundamental examination. Motion carried unanimously. Wayne Lindgren was not available for the vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

**MOTION:** Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Pat McGuire, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.